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First Annual Exhibit of National Arts Program®

Now through August 31, Fourth Floor Public Gallery, City Hall

Documentary Film — Haiti: Dreams of Democracy

Sunday, July 23, 3:00 p.m., Bass Museum, 2121 Park Ave.

Planning Board

Tuesday, July 25, 1:30 p.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall

Miami Vice MDPL — Art Deco in Film — FREE

Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 p.m.
Art Deco Welcome Center, 1001 Ocean Drive

Special Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 p.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall

Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee

Thursday, July 27, 2:30 p.m.
City Manager's Large Conf. Room, City Hall

Public Talk: Why Are You Creative?

Thursday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.
Wolfsonian-FLU, 1001 Washington Ave.

Rewind/Fast Forward Film & Video Festival

Thursday, July 27 — Sunday, July 30
Byron Carlyle Theater, 500 71st St.

Melting Film and Making Gold

Saturday, July 29, 4:00 p.m.
Colony Theatre, 1040 Lincoln Road

Venezuela Viva

Saturday, July 29, 8:00 p.m.
Jackie Gleason Theater, 1700 Washington Ave.

Free Golf Instructions for Juniors

Kids of all ages who enjoy the sport of golf or are interested in learning how to play are invited to attend the 2006 Southern Chapter PGS Junior Clinic Series at the Miami Beach Golf Club on Saturday, July 29, 2006. The free clinic will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the golf club, located at 2301 Alton Road. Participants will receive free golf instruction, including an introduction to golf swing fundamentals, good practice habits and golf course etiquette. The clinic will also provide tips on how to improve the game and help develop natural talents. For more information, please call 305.532.3350.



Meeting About Rising Insurance Costs

State Rep. Dan Gelber will be holding a town hall meeting on the rising costs of hurricane insurance.

Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m.

Nautilus Middle School, 4301 N. Michigan Ave.

Miami Beach Preserves Beaches

The City of Miami Beach continuously strives to preserve its beautiful beaches. Projects are planned to re-nourish certain areas of the beach, as well as legislation to protect sea turtles that visit our beaches every year. Many beachwalks, bikeways and pedestrian walkways have already been completed, and more are also being planned throughout the community.

Currently underway is a beach nourishment project to fight erosion on the beach from approximately 26 through 29 streets. Working in conjunction with Miami-Dade County's Department of Environmental Resources Management, sand is being transported by trucks to the site and graded with bulldozers. During the nourishment project, certain areas of the beach will be restricted for the safety of the public. The project is anticipated to be completed in approximately 60 to 90 days.

In addition to trying to preserve the beaches, the City is also working to protect the thousands of endangered sea turtles that come to nest on Miami Beach each year from April to November. Sea turtle hatchlings are attracted to the brightest source of light, which is typically the reflection of the moon off the surf on an unlighted beach. However, beachfront artificial lighting poses a threat to nesting females and hatchlings, as it can cause the female sea turtles to be deterred from nesting and disrupt the hatchlings' journey to sea. Therefore, in last week's Commission meeting, the City passed in the first reading



the Turtle Nesting Protection Ordinance, which will minimize beachfront lighting and other activities that disorient turtle hatchlings, and reduce the impact on the native sea turtles. A second reading will be held on September 6, 2006.

Another project the City recently completed is the new Beachwalk along 14 to 21 streets, which connects with the Boardwalk along 21 to 47 streets. The Beachwalk is an ideal area for visitors to exercise, from walking and running to biking and rollerblading.

For more information on the City's efforts to preserve its beaches and environmental initiatives, contact the Environmental Resource Division at 305.673.7080 or environment@miamibeachfl.gov.



Your right to vote is your right to save. Registered Miami Beach voters are eligible to receive discounts at many local businesses. If you haven't registered to vote, now is the time, especially with the 2006 elections approaching.

DISCOUNTS AT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Registered voters receive a 10 percent discount at more than 100 participating businesses throughout Miami Beach by simply showing a valid voter's registration card. Miami Beach voters voting early between October 23 and November 5 will also receive a 15 percent discount at participating businesses.

IMPORTANT DATES

Primary elections will be held on September 5 — must be registered by August 7. General elections will be held on November 7 — must be registered by October 9.

EARLY VOTING DATES FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS

August 21 — 25, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
August 26 and September 2, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
August 27 and September 3, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
August 28 — September 1, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

Miami Beach City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive
North Shore Branch Library, 7501 Collins Ave.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Citizens who would like to vote by absentee ballot need to submit an Absentee Ballot Request Form now in time for the 2006 elections. Download the form at elections.miamidade.gov and mail it to the Miami-Dade Elections Department, P.O. Box 521250, Miami, FL 33152-1250. For more information on absentee voting, contact the Miami-Dade Elections Department at 305.499.8444.

For more information about voting in Miami Beach and the list of participating businesses, visit votemiamibeach.com or call 305.604.CITY.